

Below are several questions the higher education institutions have regarding the Hathaway Scholarship program at this time. Answers or insights in to these questions would be appreciated.

Provisional Opportunity Scholarship

Q: Will students who received Career scholarships in the past, and who have now exhausted their eligibility, be grandfathered in to the program? For example, could a student who received a Career scholarship in 2006, used it for two years to get an AAS in 2008, transferred to UW in Fall 2008, now be allowed to start getting the Provisional Opportunity for two more years at UW?

A: Students who graduated with a 2.25 or better in a certificate or A.A.S. program can now be awarded 4 additional semesters to pursue any degree they wish at a community college or UW as long as the 6-year window has not expired. Students who are currently enrolled in a certificate or A.A.S. program because they received the Career scholarship may change majors if they choose. However, those students only get 4 semesters of Hathaway (including any semesters already used) until they finish a program with a 2.25 or better. Then they will be awarded the 4 additional semesters.

Q: New scenario. A student gets the Provisional Opportunity scholarship and uses it for the allotted 2 years going full-time. At the end of the two years they have not completed their Associate's degree and go two more semesters at the community college (year 3) at which time they now receive an AS. In year 4 they attend UW. How many years of Provisional Opportunity do they have to use at UW?

A: A student who does not complete his/her first degree or program within 4 semesters, must complete that degree or program on his/her own dime until he/she finishes. If he/she finishes with a 2.25 or better, and if the 6-year window has not expired, then he/she can be awarded 4 additional semesters to pursue any degree at a community college or UW. Remember, the first 4 semesters must be used at a community college.

Q: Same question as the previous, but if the student sits out a year before pursuing the second degree or certificate...

A: A student who sits out for any period of time after initiating the Hathaway scholarship must reestablish Continuous Enrollment before he/she can be receive Hathaway funds again. Once Continuous Enrollment is reestablished, he/she can continue to receive Hathaway as long as he/she stays eligible, has not exceeded 8 semesters of use or run out of time (6-year window). An exception would apply only to students who earn an A.A.S. from a community college and intend to pursue a B.A.S. at UW, in which case they must work for two years before admittance to the B.A.S. program per UW requirements.

Other questions

Q: What is the expectation for schools related to indicating the curriculum level of Hathaway that a student has achieved on their final high school transcript this year? If schools do not indicate the Hathaway level of curriculum completed, what is the expectation of the colleges?

A: We will address this at the Hathaway Rules meeting which has been rescheduled for Thursday, April 30, 2009 from 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM at the Fremont #25 Board Room (121 North 5th Street West, Riverton). We can tell you that it is not realistic to expect that high school counselors will indicate a Hathaway level on a student's transcript this year (2008-2009).